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President's Message



I WAS HAVING A GREAT DAY on the club salmon fly outing on the Lower Deschutes. A few bugs were out and Glen Town and I were able to rise a few fish but we hadn't managed to land any. As we were nearing the

fast water at the bottom of Big Indian Island, Glen shouted at me that I was losing my rod. I hadn't fully secured it in my side bag and the rod was just out of reach as it fell into the water. I just couldn't quite get it. Glen had one shot at it as he passed by before my Sage One six weight with a Sage 4280 reel drifted into the abyss. Ouch. Not much to do but to carry on still trying to raise a fish on one of my other rods. As we neared the takeout, I rowed over to the big back eddy to have one last chance and landing a fish for the day. I didn't signal my intentions to Glen early enough so he wasn't able

Expensive Fish Story

to catch the line to get across the current into the back eddy. I watched him as he stayed in the heavy current nearing the Trout Creek takeout. I couldn't figure out why he wasn't rowing over to the take out but I wasn't worried as I knew he could catch the next back eddy to get a line back to the takeout. But, once he missed that, I began to worry. Trout Creek rapids are nothing to mess with and once you miss the Trout Creek takeout, the next take out is three days downriver near Maupin. After he missed the back eddy and hit the straightaway, I saw him jump out of the boat in the fast current. The water was just about to the top of his waders. Now I really was worried but I still couldn't figure out why he just didn't row to shore. I knew that the campground swings around downriver and that a number of folks row across the river from that point. By now I had lost sight of him so I worked my way along the Indian side to try to locate him. He had somehow managed to

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The July program is called “Undiscovered below Sherars Falls: the other trout fishery!” John Smeraglio, owner of Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop in Maupin, will talk about trout fishing on the lower Deschutes River as an underappreciated and underutilized fishery. If you don’t have a boat or don’t want to deal with the logistics of a float trip, he will discuss the ease of access to wade fish on the roadside. John is a member of the Deschutes River Alliance, has worked closely with the group, and will touch on their work. From that perspective, he will talk about the observed changes in the river to insects, how to fish it effectively and fly patterns to use from now into autumn. He’ll answer a question or two from steelheaders, too, if asked. John moved from Portland to Maupin in 1985 to open a fly shop and guide service. He has now owned and operated the business for 29 years. Through the years, he has been quoted in books, featured in magazine articles, and has teamed up with Rick Hafele to produce a series of fly fishing DVDs. If you catch John in the shop when you’re passing through Maupin, he is a gracious and generous source of information about current conditions and what to expect on the river.

OUTINGS

Williamson River

The Williamson River is one of the top trophy trout rivers in the lower 48 states but remains fairly unknown, even here in Oregon. Only 2 hours from Bend, the Williamson has wild rainbow trout that grow to 30+ inches. The Williamson is unlike any other river I have experienced and requires unusual strategies. If you give it the proper effort, however, you can unlock the secrets and regularly catch trout larger than any other river has to offer in Oregon. There will be a club outing on the Williamson and the nearby Wood July 16–19. Send me an email if you care join in and I will send you a lot more information. There is no bank fishing; this trip requires a boat of some type. Pontoon boats are ideal; a drift boat will work as well. There are a few very small rapids along with narrow channels between ledge rocks and some pretty shallow spots. There are also long slow moving sections, so be prepared to be on the oars. This is a camping trip; there are no reasonable motels nearby.

~Yancy Lind, conservation@coflyfishers.org

OUTINGS CALENDAR 2015

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
July	16–19	Williamson River	Yancy Lind
Aug	18	Aspen Hall-BBQ	Herb Blank
Sept/Oct	TBD	Lower “D” Steelhead-4 days	Robert Gentry

Warm Springs Report

The COF outing May 30th on the Deschutes River was another fun day fishing. 13 people signed up and a few had to change



The picture of the day: Eric with an 18 Inch Deschutes Redside.

PHOTO: JOHN TACKMIER

plans so nine of us made the trip. It was pretty—OK down right crowded—it was a great float despite the crowded conditions. I guess that’s what happens when the word gets out. Some folks learned some new things. There were some lessons learned—lost equipment (Lee Ann)—and how to survive and have found memories (Glenn Town).

GLENN FILED THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

“Here’s my fond memory of the trip. Use, don’t use—your call. Again, many thanks for having me! Great trip—right up till the very end! While navigating through the current at the Trout Creek boat ramp my left oar snapped in two! I was using one of Lee Ann’s single rafts (many thanks Lee Ann). To add, I couldn’t get the “good” oar out of its lock so all I could do was spin while floating helplessly downstream. By now I had quite an audience watching me head towards the rapids unknown. Eventually I was able to get the good oar to release—a quarter mile downstream and a year’s worth of panic off my life I safely made it to shore. As mentioned, a great trip!”

–Glenn Town

NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We are able to help provide fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, our fly fishing summer camp, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.

We hope that by providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.

The Next Cast Flyfishers 3-Day Fish Camp

With great help from our volunteer team, we provided a full curriculum to our 12 young fly anglers. We had both first time participants and some that had been to camp before, including a three time returnee!

The schedule included casting and fishing each day, along with sessions on gear and equipment, knots, fly tying, bug collection and identification, regulations, where to fish and safety. The pond was stocked and EVERYONE landed a fish!

With our return participants, we offered some advanced instruction with roll casts on the water, fly tying, and new techniques for fishing. They all hooked up using an indicator and chironomid. It was a lot of fun to see them challenged and successful.

The volunteers did everything from setting up tables and stringing rods, to escorting little waders into the stream and teaching fly tying! Each participant received support as they needed for the fly fishing activities. Thank you volunteers for

giving up your own fishing days and sharing your passion for fly fishing with the camp participants! It is truly appreciated and helped us have a very successful camp!



Next Cast Flyfishers Receive Grant

Through a new relationship with Kokanee Power of Oregon, the Next Cast Flyfishers received a grant of \$3,860 from the Oregon fishing group. The grant monies will provide for additional equipment and materials used in our classes, outings, and our 3-day camp.

Kokanee Power shares values with COF in providing education and opportunities to develop and enhance Oregon's fisheries for future generations.

Next Cast is honored to be the recipient of the grant and we are

looking forward to enhancing our youth fly fishing program.

Casting at the Old Mill Casting Course

Join us July 7, 14, 20 and 28 for casting practice at the Old Mill Casting Course. Next Cast members are encouraged to join the fun! Let's practice our casting and put together a foursome for the upcoming 9-Hole Casting Tournament as part of the IFFF 50th Anniversary Fair. See article page 3 for more details.

Youth fly fishing activities will also be available at the International Federation of Fly Fishers 50th Anniversary—August 11–15, 2015 in Bend OR. The IFFF will hold their 50th anniversary fair in Bend this summer. The fair will feature classes for instruction in a variety of fly fishing topics, displays and demonstrations, and other events. There will also be a youth fly fishing 2-day workshop and daily youth activities at the fair. The registration guide is available online at IFFF website.

COF BBQ : August 18

Be sure to mark your calendars for the COF BBQ at Shevlin Park. There may be some fishing and a raffle item or two! See the article, page 10 for details.

~Karen Kreft, nextcast@coflyfishers.org,
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CONSERVATION

Update

ODFW news has been a primary focus for me recently with many things happening in Salem. Most anglers don't pay attention to what our state government is doing in these areas, but it certainly impacts us. The next ODFW budget is still being discussed. As you recall from previous columns, ODFW's budget has a significant projected shortfall. ODFW is making cuts but revenues must also be raised to maintain programs. Accordingly, they proposed raising hunting and fishing license fees. They also requested payments from the state's general fund. Last month the legislature approved a budget that allocates more from the general fund in exchange for a smaller increase in fees. The thinking is that the work done by ODFW is a benefit to many Oregonians who love and use the outdoors but do not pay for hunting and fishing licenses. This is good news for anglers as it maintains district fish and wildlife offices, hatchery production, continues funding for pinniped and avian predation projects, the Western Oregon Stream Restoration program, full funding for OSP fish and wildlife enforcement, and new funding for the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. The budget still has to be given final approval by Governor Brown.

This is getting deep in the weeds, but the composition of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is important as they are the final decision makers on all ODFW programs and activities. As reported in last month's column, the state legislature narrowly approved Governor Brown's controversial

WHYCHUS SAMPLING DAY

The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation need help collecting macroinvertebrates in Whychus Creek. Learn sampling protocols and visit rimrock, meadow and floodplain reaches of Whychus to collect samples that contribute to our understanding of how habitat restoration is changing stream conditions for native fish. August 15th, 8:30-3:30, Creekside City Park, Sisters. For information or to sign up, contact Lauren Mork at (541) 382-6103 x39 or lmork@restorethedeschutes.org

appointment of commercial gillnet industry lobbyist Bruce Buckmaster. Things have become even more interesting when shortly after Buckmaster's appointment, two sitting members of the commission were not reappointed. Mike Finley, the current chair, and Holly Akenson have terms that expire the end of June. They were expected to be reappointed, but were not. Both of these individuals are highly qualified. Mike is president of the Turner Foundation, and a retired National Park Service Superintendent. Holly is a professional Certified Wildlife Biologist. They may still be reappointed, but it was not routinely done as expected. Who knows what our elected leaders are up to.

As you saw in a recent email to club members, ODFW has a meeting on June 29th to review changes in fishing regulations. That meeting has already occurred as you read this and I will report on it in the next newsletter, but here's what I have learned as I write this column on June 18th. There is a perception

at ODFW that one reason angler licenses are declining is regulation complexity. Hence, regulations are being condensed, simplified, reduced, and generally made easier to understand. The default for all lakes statewide will be to remain open year round. The only proposed exceptions in Central Oregon are Crane Prairie and Wickiup Reservoirs. Deschutes River regulations are also being simplified with the possibility that the lower river in its entirety will be open all year. The regulations are still being debated at ODFW and no final decisions will be made until the Commission approves them in August.

Opal Springs Update

May 31 marks the end of the 2014-2015 steelhead return year. Here are the preliminary year end statistics from Portland General Electric (co-owners of the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project). 93 steelhead were passed from the lower Deschutes into Lake Billy Chinook. 89 of these were healthy enough to be radio tagged and 85 of these were subsequently relocated. 59 of the 85 were detected at Opal Springs. Opal Springs is the dam at the bottom of the Crooked River lacking volitional fish passage. 39 of the 59 were manually passed above Opal Springs after being trapped at the base of the dam.

6 steelhead were detected in the middle Deschutes at the Scout Camp tracking station. 2 of these first attempted to go up the Crooked. 3 went up the Deschutes and then went to the Crooked. Only 1 steelhead went up the Deschutes and stayed there, that fish moved up into Whychus Creek. 9 steelhead went up the Metolius and most of these first at-

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tempted to go up the Crooked.

Mimicking every return year thus far, the majority of steelhead have attempted to go up the Crooked River. The good news is that an improved trap at the base of Opal Springs Dam has increased the number of fish captured and transported above the dam. The bad news is that many more fish would have moved up the river if a fish ladder was in place.

As has been previously discussed in this column, these results have been surprising to fish biologists who believed that the middle Deschutes and its Whychus Creek tributary would be prime spawning areas for steelhead. Even more surprising has been the behavior of spring Chinook. May 1 is the beginning of the springer return year. So far 40 have been passed into Lake Billy Chinook, 39 have been radio tagged, and 28 of these have been detected at Opal Springs. 3 have been detected in the middle Deschutes and 2 in the Metolius. The rest remain in the main body of the lake. Chinook are planted in the Metolius, the middle Deschutes/Whychus Creek, and into the Crooked River/Ochoco Creek. Typically half every year go into the Metolius where they historically spawned in the greatest quantities. Once again, however, the fish have spoken and the Crooked River is where they want to go. Unfortunately, the fish trap at the base of the dam does not seem to be effective for springers as only 1 fish has been passed above Opal Springs thus far.

Visit www.opalspringspassage.org for more information.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,
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SOCIAL MEDIA

Update



If you are a COF club sponsor and own a business, email me if you have an upcoming event you'd like me to promote on the COF Facebook Page! Our sponsors mean a lot to us so I'm happy to help broadcast anything out to our large online following. I have emailed our entire current club sponsors, but I wanted to remind all of you about this great opportunity.

As always, send your fly fishing photos or fishing updates my way! It's a great way to show the community just how active and involved we really are.

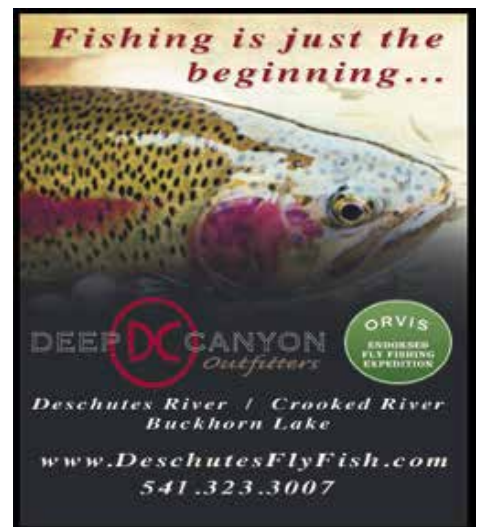
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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

Fran Borcalli
Jan Duringer
Angel Williamson

~Tim Schindele,
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9-Hole Casting Course Tournament

Join us on the only casting course in North America for a 9-Hole Casting challenge! The course, located in the Old Mill District in Bend, is similar to a golf course with each ‘hole’ at different distances, a variety of targets, types of casts, i.e. roll cast vs distance cast, and other obstacles to provide a challenge! Just as in golf, each foursome will move from hole to hole, recording the number of ‘strokes’—or casts of each team member needed to hit the target!

Participants at all levels are encouraged to play! No fear, there will be handicaps assigned to offer some equity! And who knows you may play your best round ever and win it all! You can put together a foursome or sign up as a single and join a team. Don’t wait to sign up, the teams are filling up fast!


The tournament will be Thursday, August 13 with tee times beginning at 7:30 am.

Sign up here: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/tabid/298/Default.aspx> (FFF member fee \$20—Non-member fee \$25).

~ Karen Kreft, 503-409-0148, dancingtrout@gmail.com



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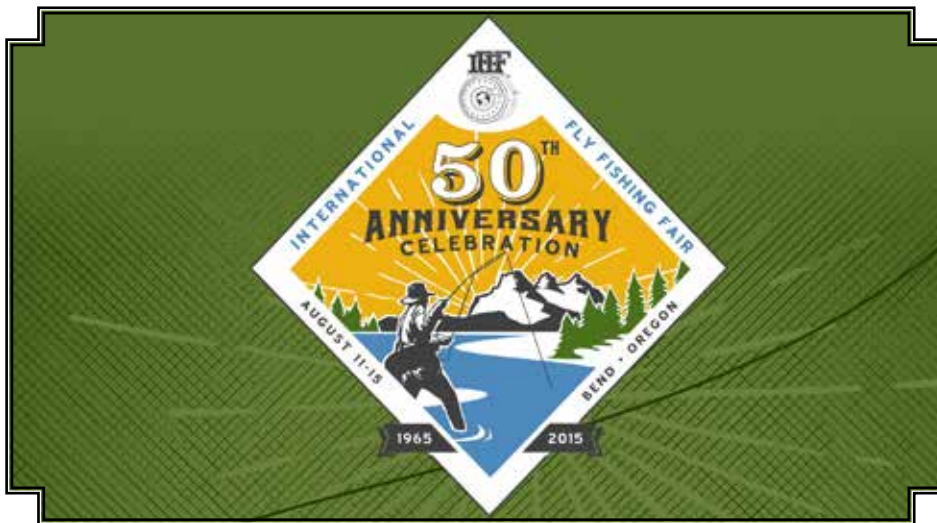
The International Federation of Fly Fishers will hold its annual Fly Fishing Fair in Bend Oregon and will be celebrating “All Things Fly Fishing” August 13th–15th 2015. This event will be the largest gathering of fly fishers from all across the United States and the around the world. The show is open to the public so everyone will have the opportunity to join in the fun and learning experiences.

Headquarters will be in the Riverhouse Hotel with other venues taking place through the area. The Exhibit Hall is open August 13–15 from 9 am to 5 pm, where vendors will display the latest products they have to offer to the fly fishing enthusiast; see tying and casting demonstrations, take free 15 minute casting lessons, hour long seminars and more. Other opportunities include a Women’s two day University, a 2-Day Fly Fishing Experience, and a Youth Camp. Workshops will be available from August 11–15. For a full schedule of events and how to sign up, go to <http://www.fedflyfishers.org> and click on the Fly Fishing Fair tab.

“It’s hard to believe we’re 50 years old” said Philip Greenlee President/CEO. “The International Federation of Fly Fishers was founded in 1965 in Eugene Oregon with our return to Oregon we come back to our roots”

Today the IFFF has grown to 17 councils, approximately 225 clubs and thousands of individual members. Our goal is to support fisheries conservation and educational programs for all fish in all waters. Anywhere fly fishers have an interest; the IFFF can and does play a role.

~ Gene Kaczmarek, IFFF, Flyingties@aol.com



IFFF 50th Anniversary Homestay Program

BEND, OR | RIVERHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER | AUGUST 11-15, 2015

In 2015, IFFF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, a landmark event that celebrates both the history and the future of the federation. The celebration will take place in Bend, OR, the ideal time to welcome global affiliates to our U.S. home and to showcase our international credentials.

We are looking for members of local fly fishing clubs who would be willing to host our global members by participating in the IFFF's Homestay Program. The IFFF meeting will be held in Bend from August 11 to 15, 2015 at the Riverhouse.

The Homestay program will involve hosting an IFFF member from a foreign country during the week of the IFFF's International Fly Fishing Fair, probably from August 10 to 16. In exchange, the host member would be able to stay as a guest in the foreign visitor's home for a week. Participation in the program would also include taking the foreign guest fishing on a local

stream or lake during the week and providing transportation from the host's house to IFFF events. Presently, the IFFF is expecting about 18 people from foreign countries including Japan, England, Norway and Australia.

This would be a great chance to host a fellow angler, meet some interesting people, improve international (fishing) relations and get a chance to travel to a foreign country to fish.

For more info: Marv Yoshinaka
541-728-7496, mpyosh@chamberscable.com

~Eric Steele

Women's Fly Fishing University

We've got two days of learning and fishing on Oregon's best fly fishing water! This class is open to women at all levels and will provide both technical information and hands-on fishing with the opportunity for some big fish!

We will teach the basics to get you started; offer some areas of instruction to increase your independence and confidence; and, introduce you to some fishing techniques specific to these types of water. There should be something for everyone!

Our instructors include professional guides, certified casting instructors, fisheries professionals and experienced fly fishers. Each of these ladies share in the passion of fly fishing and want to offer that to our university students!

We're in the fly fishing capital! Let's go fishing!

The Women's Fly Fishing University is August 11 & 12.

Register here: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/tabid/298/Default.aspx> (FFF member fee \$250—Non-member fee \$270).

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WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

The Wild Women have had lots of fun this last month. Fish were caught at the Crooked River, East Lake and on Crane Prairie. The latest ladies fly fishing fashions were explored at Fin & Fire in Redmond along with sharing some yummy BBQ and great camaraderie at the monthly Fly Shop Hop! Watch your emails for the July outings and the next Fly Shop Hop.

A local Bend shop, Fly & Field will be holding a women's night on July 8, 6pm. They are a great supporter of the Wild Women. It should be a fun night to meet other women in the area that are interested in fishing.

Did you know that there is a casting course at the Old Mill? Check it out on each Tuesday in July. COF will be hosting casting lessons. Everyone can use a tune up on their casting techniques. Practicing on the casting course is lots of fun! Come join us! Watch your email for times.

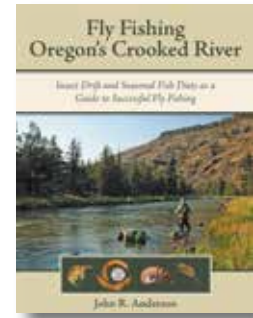
The Women's University at the IFFF Fair on August 11 and 12 is



a wonderful opportunity for every woman that is interested in fly fishing, no matter how experienced you are. Experts in all aspects of fly fishing will share their knowledge and passion with the participants, while fishing on the Crooked River the 1st day and East Lake the 2nd day. This is going to be fun! Don't miss out. Go to the following website to sign up <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/tabid/298/Default.aspx> If you have any questions, contact Karen Kreft, dancingtrout@gmail.com

~ Kari Schoessler,
wildwomen@coflyfishers.org

OTHER NEWS



New Book

The Crooked River fly fishing book written by COF member John Anderson

(retired Prof. of Entomology) will be available for purchase (\$21.95) at the July 15th club meeting. Much of the information in the book was obtained in a club-supported scientific study conducted in the Wild & Scenic reach of the river below Bowman Dam. The book provides fly fishers with useful information about the kinds and numbers of insects and other foods eaten by fish that are present in the downstream drift on a seasonal basis, and which of these foods are targeted by red-band trout and mountain whitefish. This is basically a "match the drift" book that uses scientifically-derived data from drift net samples and an analysis of fish stomach contents to provide insight about which fly patterns can be used most successfully when different insects are hatching and at times when there is no hatch to match. The book includes such features as a monthly hatch chart, recommended nymph fishing techniques, seasonally-productive fly patterns to use and comprehensive biological information about the biology of the primary macroinvertebrates eaten by fish.

Books will be available for purchase beginning at 6:00 p.m. After this books can be purchased from John at: 61040 Minaret Circle, Bend, OR 97702 (telephone: 541-385-8693). Mail orders should include \$5.00 for S & H costs.

OTHER NEWS



USFS Forest Service-Young Women's Natural Resources Career Camp

For the second year, COF has partnered with the USFS to support this career camp targeted for area high school students with an interest in natural resources.

The camp, sponsored by the USFS, is free to the participants and is designed to discover careers in wildlife biology, botany, geology, and outdoor recreation. The young women learn about opportunities working with the Forest Service and other conservation organizations.

COF's Wild Women and Next Cast Flyfishers joined the camp

on the Upper Deschutes for a fly fishing outing. While half of the ladies fly fished for the first time—and caught fish! The others jumped in the river and used kick nets to screen aquatic insects to inspect and identify. As you can imagine, the tubs were full of mayflies, a variety of stoneflies—including big golden stoneflies, and too many caddis to count. We also had several fry in the catch.

Our volunteers, Lee Ann Ross, Delores Marsh, Tina Perin, Kari Schoessler, Kathleen Schroeder, Karen Kreft, and Kim DeVries and Carol LaBranche, (both visiting from the Southern Oregon Fly Club) provided enthusiastic support and shared their passion for fly fishing and nature.



COF Net Builder Supports Casting for Recovery

Mark Pearlstein, COF member and net builder, donated a beautiful landing net to Casting for Recovery for a fund raiser. The net has traveled to several Oregon fly clubs, along with an appearance at the Winter Seminar where squares were sold with a chance to win the net in a drawing.

This week, the net returned to COF and was awarded to our own Jerry Criss! Co-chairs of Casting for Recovery Southern Oregon, Kim DeVries and Carol LaBranche attended the COF monthly meeting to award the net and thank both Mark Pearlstein and COF for ongoing support. The net raffle provided over \$200 to C4R.

Casting for Recovery provides a weekend fly fishing retreat for breast cancer survivors at no charge. All of the fundraising is done locally and support from fly fishing clubs and members is essential to a successful retreat.

Happy fishing to Jerry Criss!
Thank you Mark Pearlstein!

LIBRARY

Update

The library has received many book donations this spring, including the following donated by Steve Stevens:

Float Tube Fly Fishing, by Deke Meyer

Fly Tying Adventures in Fur, Feathers and Fun, by John F. McKim
Harry Teel's No Nonsense Guide to Fly Fishing Central & Southeastern Oregon

Flyfisher's Guide to Washington (1999), by Greg Thomas

The Off-season Angler, by Gary L. Saindon (woodworking)

Richard Yates bought for the library and donated:

Bugs for Beginners, DVD

We also received a box of books, which included tying and fishing books and some special interest titles including:

The Kayak Shop—three elegant wooden kayaks anyone can build, by Chris Kulczycki

Drift Boats and River Dories, Their History, Design, Construction and Use, by Roger L. Fletcher

Production Fly Tying, by A.K. Best

Library books are available for checkout at the COF general meetings, every third Wednesday of the month (except for August).

Magazines: Look for a box of free flyfishing magazines near the library at the general meetings. These are donated by club members (Steve Stevens, Rick Atwood) who read them and are ready to pass them on. If you find yourself with copies of magazines you no longer want, feel free to bring them to the general meetings and they can be included in free box.

~Kathleen Schroeder, COF Librarian

EVENTS

August Barbeque

Tuesday August 18 | Serving starts at 6:30 | Arrive early to help set up.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 18. The COF Annual August Barbeque replaces the August general meeting. Bring the family and enjoy the evening at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The kids might want to do some fishing in the pond or bring a rod and practice your casting skills. Enjoy a warm summer evening and share some fish stories.

Where: Aspen Hall is in Shevlin Park. From downtown drive west on Newport through all the traffic circles, Newport turns into Shevlin at Mt. Washington. Keep going another mile and a half, down the hill and cross Tumalo Creek at Shevlin Park. Aspen Hall is on the right, look for parking either on the Aspen Hall side or opposite.

What to Bring: Showcase your cooking skills! Bring a dish to share (side dish, dessert, salad or appetizer, no chips), plus adult beverages, in moderation. The club will supply eating utensils, soft drinks, our famous tri-tip, burgers, chips and condiments.

We need volunteers to set-up, cook and clean up afterwards. We'll have a sign up sheet at the July COF meeting or call Herb Blank (541-312-2568) if you can help out.



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EDUCATION

Casting—Old Mill Casting Course

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 20, 28 | Time: 6:00-8:00 pm | Free | Café Yum



You've all seen the standing hoop and the ring targets near the water features outside of Café Yum. But, have you ever brought your rod down and cast to them?

We're going to provide casting instruction on the casting course to improve your cast or get some practice for the tournament (see IFFF activities 9-Hole Casting Course Tournament, page 7). Yes, there is going to be a tournament and you can play, too!

Save the dates: Each Tuesday, July 7th & 14th, Monday, July 20th and Tuesday, July 28th, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Tye Krueger, Brian O'Keefe, Jeff Perin, and Gabe Parr are among the instructors.

We will focus on specific holes and the casting technique required for that hole. Come and improve your distance, tune your roll cast, or focus on accuracy. Each hole provides a unique challenge.

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get to shore and was safe. What I didn't know was that one of the oars had broken (it was an oar I had broken earlier and "repaired"). His missed the takeout and the back eddy because with only one oar, all he could do was spin in the boat. He managed to get the one good oar out of the oarlock and use it as a paddle to finally get to shore.

We met back at the boat ramp and we put my boat on the car and then we quickly drove down to the other boat. As we were putting that boat on, I noticed that I had forgotten my other two rods at the boat ramp. Back to the ramp to find that Jeff Perin and Eric Steele had rescued those two rods. When I got home, I couldn't find my anchor, anchor rope, and wading belt. Moral of the story, keep your gear in good repair, secure your rods and take that last look at the boat ramp before you pull out.

Finally, the Warm Spring Fish and Game warden was out that day and checked me at the back eddy across from the Trout Creek campground. Apparently, he had been running up and down the river in an ATV checking folks. He wanted to see my Tribal Permit, my fishing license and ID. Fortunately, I had them all on my person, as it appeared that he had just ticketed someone who had left his paperwork in his boat around the corner....

~Lee Ann Ross



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UPSTREAM EVENTS July 2015

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
2nd	5:00 PM	Next Cast Committee Meeting	Environmental Center	Karen Kreft
2nd	6:30 PM	COF Directors Meeting	Environmental Center	Cliff Price
7th	6:00 PM	Casting Practice	Old Mill	Karen Kreft
8th	6:00 PM	Women's Night	Fly & Field	Kari Schoessler
14th	6:00 PM	Casting Practice	Old Mill	Karen Kreft
15th	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Bend Senior Center	Lee Ann Ross
16th–19th	-	Williamson River Outing	Williamson River	Yancy Lind
20th	6:00 PM	Casting Practice	Old Mill	Karen Kreft
28th	6:00 PM	Casting Practice	Old Mill	Karen Kreft

In the Future

IFFF 50th Anniversary, August 11–15, 2015, RiverHouse Convention Center, Bend, OR; Contact: Sherry Steele, steelefly@msn.com

COF Annual BBQ, August 18th, Shevlin Park, Contact: Herb Blank

Umpqua Valley Fall Festival, September 12th in Glide, Oregon; Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers; Contact: Tresa01@intergate.com



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